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Successful MyCity Academy Underway

The third session of MyCity Academy is well underway, and it has been a great success so far. This year's class includes 34 community leaders with diverse backgrounds from 12 different countries. The program, which is offered at no cost to participants, empowers Nashville's New Americans to understand and participate in Metro Government.



So far, the class has heard from Mayor Dean about his priorities for the city, visited the Civil Rights Room of the Nashville Public Library, toured the Omohundro Water Treatment Plant, rode an MTA bus to Music City Central and much more. In the coming months, they will meet with leaders from the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management, speak to educators and advocates about programs available to Nashville's students and their families and learn about our local legislative process and court system.

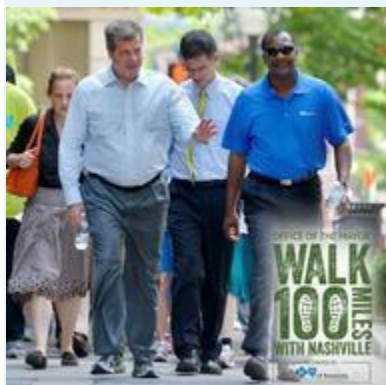
If you are interested in participating in the next session of MyCity Academy, which will begin in early 2015, email newamericans@nashville.gov.

Stay Tuned: New Federal Partnership to Promote Citizenship

Next month, Mayor Dean will join with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to make an exciting announcement about a new partnership that will provide greater access to information about citizenship and the naturalization process and help New Americans in Nashville who aspire to become U.S. citizens.



The public is invited to join the Mayor and USCIS officials for the official launch of the program. It will take place at the main branch of the Nashville Public Library at 10 a.m. on June 11. After the announcement in June, more information about the program will be available at www.newamericans.nashville.gov.



Walk 100 Miles with Nashville

Mayor Dean recently launched his latest citywide health challenge, a walking campaign called Walk 100 Miles with Nashville. He is encouraging all Nashvillians to walk 100 miles during the summer of 2014. Participants can walk on their own, walk as a group or join the Mayor at regular walk events he will be holding all over the city.

To participate in the walk challenge, create a personal profile on the website www.walk100miles.com and start logging your miles. Everyone who reaches the 100-mile goal this summer will receive a free t-shirt that proudly boasts, "I walked 100 miles with Nashville!"

New to this walking campaign, the city's free NashVitality mobile app now includes a mileage-tracking feature that allows Walk 100 participants to track and log the miles they walk right on their phone after creating a profile on the website. The NashVitality app, which is free at the Apple App Store and on Google Play, is a mobile guide to being healthy, active and green in Nashville. It includes an interactive map of Nashville's parks, greenways and sidewalks.